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Security Awareness and Education Subcommittee

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, PERSONNEL SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Foreign Travel Reporting Survey

First of all, to follow-up your comments on my last memo (report of [] meeting): The Subcommittee has often discussed the possibility of producing videotapes. To do so we would need (1) a suitable subject (generic enough for use by all member agencies) and (2) funding.

I think that the area of foreign travel reporting may provide a suitable subject. If a national policy (or model) is developed, we could produce materials to explain and promote those guidelines (as ISOO has done for Executive Order 12356). And/or we could do the same for foreign *contact* reporting, already covered by NSDD-197.

We'll pursue the funding issue when we have at least a rough project proposal. But if you have suggestions (or dollars!), please let us know.

Attached is a summary of survey results and a Preliminary Report prepared by Dr. Lynn Fischer (OSD representative) in conjunction with a special working group of SAES members. A draft report has been coordinated with the full membership and discussed at our most recent meeting (April 21).

Recommendations so far. (In brief; see Report, p. 4.)

- That agencies with SCI-cleared personnel be reminded of provisions of DCID 1/20;
- That an unclassified "designated country" list be issued;
- That SAES proceed with drafting of minimum national standards for foreign travel reporting.

Issues for clarification: Comments from you and/or the PSC, especially in the following areas, would help to focus our further efforts.

- **Is blanket reporting realistic?** Survey responses indicate that a majority of agencies have already implemented a blanket requirement for reporting of all foreign travel by all cleared (or "accessed") personnel (Question 1). And most indicate agreement with such a requirement (Question 13).

But several Subcommittee members, including those representing *some of the same agencies*, indicate serious misgivings about this policy, in light of the paperwork burden. Among the program elements listed in Question 13, reporting of all travel is the least agreed-with.

In light of these "second thoughts" -- and the fact that the President's statement of intention has not been issued in directive form -- we may recommend less comprehensive requirements.

If, however, you'd rather that we concentrate on implementing the original language, please let us know.

- **Purpose of reporting.** We are aware of at least three purposes for these requirements: 1) to alert security officials to the need for defensive briefings, 2) to permit detection of patterns for CI purposes, and 3) to compile data pertinent to periodic reinvestigation (perhaps a corollary of #2).

The need for briefing is presumably greatest for travellers to hazardous "designated countries" -- which suggests *limited* reporting. CI concerns are much broader. But survey responses reflect universal use of defensive briefings, while the extent of CI review is much less clear.

This reinforces questions (per above) about the cost-effectiveness of CI-driven blanket reporting. We will pursue these questions in our discussions and contacts. Please provide comments and/or guidance if you so desire.

- **Directive or model?** Several survey respondents as well as several SAES members have recommended the issuance of a national policy on foreign travel reporting, e.g., an NSDD or addition to NSDD-197. Do you wish us to draft an NSDD? Or should we stick to an optional "model" as suggested by the cover memo to the survey? We could also work on both.

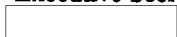
This project will be our main agenda item at our next meeting, May 19. Your comments, in advance of that if possible, would be most welcome and certainly helpful to our efforts.



Chairman

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